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Senator John W. Fonfara and Representative Steve Fontana, Co-Chairs
Energy and Technology Committee
Room 3900 Legislative Office Building
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

RE: Raised Bill No. 5817 AAC Resource Recovery Facilities

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Fontana and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Town of Wallingford I am presenting to you our support for adoption of a regulatory structure that would set rates for solid waste disposal at privately owned resource recovery facilities. Wallingford is host to a facility that serves five towns, including Cheshire, Hamden, Meriden and North Haven. This facility and others throughout the State could become entirely merchant facilities, whereby pricing will be established by a market that is basically monopolistic. Obviously, this would not bode well for Connecticut businesses and residents who are dependent on these services and who are struggling with the ever-increasing costs of essential services. This measure under consideration balances the interests of the public against the interests of private companies and establishes a regulatory structure. We support this concept.

Thank you for your attention to and support for this bill.

Sincerely,

William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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